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TELEGRAMS.

MR. ROOSEVELT SHOT.

BULLET IN CHEST.

But Speaks for an Hour.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, October 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Milwaukee reports that a Socialist fired at Mr. Roosevelt in the street near his hotel. Mr. Roosevelt happily escaped unhurt.

Later.
Mr. Roosevelt was proceeding to address a meeting at the time. The crowd in the street was with difficulty restrained from lynching the assailant, whom the police seized.

Mr. Roosevelt asked that the man might be brought before him, and when this was done he asked him why he had fired. The man did not reply and Mr. Roosevelt proceeded to address the meeting.

Later.
Mr. Roosevelt would not permit the doctors to examine him, but went to the meeting and spoke for over an hour, though weak from loss of blood. Then he was examined. Though there was no immediate danger, he was removed to an emergency hospital, where six doctors were unable to find the bullet, which had entered his breast. It was decided to take an X-ray photograph.

BULLET EXTRACTED.

Later.
The bullet has been extracted, and Mr. Roosevelt has proceeded to Chicago. There is no danger.

"FEELING FINE."

Mr. Roosevelt sat on the operation table talking politics with the surgeons.

The bullet was found in the wall of the chest.

Mr. Roosevelt left the hospital at 11.30 o'clock, walking unassisted. He said he was feeling fine.

THE ASSAILANT.

The assailant is a Bavarian saloon-keeper named Schrank. He is supposed to be crazy. He has confessed to following Mr. Roosevelt for a week seeking an opportunity to slay him.

ARRIVAL AT CHICAGO.

Later.
Reuter's correspondent at Chicago states that Mr. Roosevelt has arrived and is resting. He suffered no discomfort on the journey.

SAVED BY MUSCLE.

Later.
Mr. Roosevelt's wound is three inches deep. The bullet has not been extracted.

The ex-President's exceptional muscular tissue saved his life. He will be confined to hospital for ten days.

TIBET.

MORE FIGHTING REPORTED.

London, October 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Simla states that renewed fighting is reported from Lhasa.

The Tibetans are attacking the pro-Chinese Tenggyling Monastery, and General Chiang's small Chinese escort is assisting in the defence.

The Tibetans have already lost over 100 men.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKANS WAR.

BIG TURKISH SURRENDER.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, October 15.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Podgoritz, the Montenegrin headquarters, states that Tuzi has surrendered to the Montenegrins who captured many guns, 7,000 rifles, and six Turkish regular battalions.

Later.
The Montenegrins at noon were preparing to storm the Turkish position when a Turkish officer bearing a white flag appeared, and unconditionally surrendered. Then a deputation of the burglers of Tuzi came to General Prince Danilo, begging for mercy and pardon.

The Montenegrin troops made a triumphal entry into Tuzi in the afternoon and were welcomed with jubilation by the Christian and Muslim inhabitants.

The booty included many horses, 800 tents, and ten days' food supplies.

MONTENEGRINS WIPED OUT.

The "Times" correspondent at Cetinje telegraphs that the searchlights from Scutari were on the night of the 11th inst. thrown upon 1,000 Montenegrins preparing to attack Tarabosh. The quick-firing guns in Tarabosh immediately opened fire mowing down the Montenegrins, who disregarded the orders to retire and advanced amid a hail of bullets. It is believed they were nearly all wiped out.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORY.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople wires that official telegrams report that Turkish reinforcements reached Gushin and assumed the offensive, driving back the Montenegrins. The Turks, who are now fighting in Montenegrin territory, claim the victory at Tuzi.

TURKS DRIVE BACK SERBIANS.

Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade says the fighting on the Serbian frontier continued all day long. The Turks numbered 3,000. The Serbians, whose casualties were 24 killed and 4 wounded, retired.

The Serbian Government denounces the attack as provocative but declares that it will continue on the defensive unless the incursion assumes greater proportions.

BULGARIANS ATTACKED.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Sofia reports that 500 Turks on Sunday evening attacked a Bulgarian post in the Tamrosch district. The defenders, acting on instructions from the Government, withdrew.

TURKISH OFFICIALS "FURIOUS."

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople says it is expected that the Porte will ignore the Note of the Confederacy, which has excited surprise and wrath. The Turkish officials are furious at what they describe as the colossal impudence of the minor states in adopting a tone which the Powers never used to Turkey.

TURKEY AND GREECE.

Later.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that reconnaissance by aeroplane and cavalry show that the Turks have abandoned the Thessaly frontier and have withdrawn to the villages of Sorovitch and Sorvia (? Serfidji). They are believed to number 40,000.

A further message from the same correspondent states that 8,000 armed Cretans are in readiness to enrol on the commencement of hostilities.

The staff of the Turkish Legation at Athens has booked berths by to-morrow's steamer to Constantinople.

The Greek warships are manning yards in sea.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKANS WAR.

A PRINCE'S MESSAGE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, October 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Heidelberg wires that Prince Peter of Montenegro has telegraphed to his old school as follows:—"Splendid victory; ten thousand Turks captured with artillery."

TURKISH MINISTERS RECALLED.

Later.
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that the Ministers at Sofia and Belgrade have been instructed to return to Constantinople owing to the lack of deference shown to the recent Notes.

The Minister to Athens has been recalled because the Cretan Deputies have been admitted to the Chamber.

This does not necessarily imply a rupture in the relations, as the Porte has not handed passports to the Confederacy's representatives at Constantinople.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.

The British Foreign Office tonight received a proposal from France for the holding of a European conference relative to the Balkans.

The matter is receiving earnest attention.

THE CHINESE REPUBLIC.

NEW STAMP DUTY.

(From Chinese Sources.)

Peking, October 15.

The State Council has passed the resolution for the enforcement of stamp duty throughout the Republic.

NEW FIELD MARSHAL.

President Yuan has appointed General Chang Fung as a Field Marshal and has directed him to work in co-operation with General Fung Kwok-chang, the Governor-General of Chihli.

PERTINENT REQUEST.

The Governors General of various provinces and the Provincial Councils have despatched telegrams to the Central Government begging the latter to give publicity as to how the foreign loans are to be appropriated.

UNPOPULAR APPOINTMENT.

Shanghai, October 15.
The troops and the police in Peking have held meetings opposing the appointment of Shum Ping-kwan, former Governor-General of Kwang-si, to the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

BANKING SCHEME.

The Cabinet has under consideration a scheme for the formation of Chinese exchange banks abroad. The Chinese merchants in foreign lands will be entrusted to carry out this scheme.

DR. SUN TO NANKING.

Shanghai, October 15.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen will leave for Nanking on the 17th inst., where he will make an inspection of the forts.

CHARTERED BANK EXTENSION.

In connection with the recently concluded loan the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China will, it is reported, open branches in Peking.—"Sai Kai Kung Yik Po."

CURRENCY QUESTION.

Peking, October 15.
The Ministry of Finance will soon make a thorough investigation into the currency question of the Chinese Republic before the adoption of the gold standard.

WIRELESS.

The French, Belgian, Italian, and German merchants are fighting hard for the concession of installing wireless telegraphy throughout China.—"Sai Kai Kung Yik Po."

TELEGRAMS.

LOANS TO CHINA.

NEW SYNDICATE'S POLICY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, October 15.

Mr. Birch Crisp, speaking at a meeting of the Anglo-Russian Bank, which will henceforward be named the British Bank of Foreign Trade, criticised Sir Edward Grey's attitude regarding the Suxupai Loan question. He stated that he and his associates were prepared to supply the money if Britain should press China for payment of the Boxer claim.

Mr. Crisp outlined a scheme to constitute a Bank to be called the Bank of China, with capital of two millions sterling, subscribed half by the Chinese Government and half by, say, England, France, Germany, Russia and America. He added that Japan's pretensions in China should not be encouraged. The Bank would take in hand the currency problem.

Mr. Crisp concluded that they bought no monopoly and would be grateful for any support from their respective Governments; but they were not prepared to submit to Government dictation when such submission would exclude England from her proper place and the benefits of intercourse with China.

FAREASTERN QUESTIONS.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

London, October 15.

Mr. Acland, replying in the House of Commons to a question by Sir J. D. Rees, M.P., said diplomatic and consular reports give evidence of the inability of the Peking Government to impose its will on the provinces, and also show that since the revolution China has signally failed to carry out the Anglo-Chinese Agreement for the progressive diminution of the production of opium.

Continuing, he said:—"I cannot say there are any indications at present that the Central Government will be able in the near future to enforce the discontinuance of poppy growing, but I trust that the gradual restoration of normal conditions, which I believe is in progress, will ultimately lead to this result."

JAPANESE SHIPPING LAWS.

Sir J. D. Rees asked what was the result of the representations to Japan with reference to the exclusion of British ships from the Japanese coasting trade while Japanese vessels were admitted to the coasting trade of India.

Mr. Acland replied that no representations had yet been made, but the matter was under consideration.

SEDITIONARY LITERATURE.

In reply to a further question by Sir J. D. Rees suggesting that Japan be requested in a friendly manner to suppress the seditious publications of the Islamic fraternity which were circulating in India, Mr. Acland said that Sir Claude Macdonald had been instructed to bring the facts under the notice of the Japanese Government, but as the introduction of the literature to India was prohibited he considered it unnecessary to present requests for suppression.

CEYLON'S NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. R. E. Stubbs of the Colonial Office has been appointed Colonial Secretary and Deputy Governor of Ceylon in succession to Sir Hugh Clifford who has been appointed Governor of the Gold Coast. This appointment is causing a very considerable degree of comment and criticism in Ceylon.

TELEGRAMS.

CESAREWITCH STAKES.

STARTERS AND BETTING.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, October 15.

The probable starters and jockeys for the Cesarewitch Stakes, to be run at Newmarket on Wednesday, is as follows:—
Tullibardine, (Wooton).
Mushroom, (Maher).
Benedictin de Soulas, (G. Stern).

Claroncaux, (Earl).
Tootles, (Piper).
Balscadden, (Clark).
Galafront, (J. Jennings).
Cherry King, (Jellies).
Rathlea, (Foy).
The Fort, (Trigg).
Papaver, (Whitney).
Equitable, (Whalley).
Donnithorne, (Robbins).
Bryony, (Marsh).
Warringham, (Clout).
Rot's Pride, (Ladson).
Crown Jewel, (Lingstead).
Candy Tuft, (No jockey).
The betting is as follows:—
7 to 2 against Balscadden.
9 to 1 " Rathlea.
8 to 1 " Tootles.
100 to 9 " Mushroom.
100 to 9 " Tullibardine.
100 to 7 " Papaver.
100 to 7 " Bryony.
100 to 6 " Donnithorne.
20 to 1 " Warringham.
25 to 1 " Rot's Pride.
25 to 1 " The Fort.

LATTEST BETTING.

The betting at midnight was:—0-2 Balscadden, 100-14 Tootles, 10-1 Rathlea, 100-7 Mushroom, 100-8 Tullibardine, 200-11 Donnithorne, 25-1 Warringham and Rot's Pride, 20-1 Equitable, 200-3 Benedictin de Soulas, 50-1 The Fort.

FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD.

Manila General Committee.

Japan has signed a tentative agreement to enter the Far Eastern Olympic Association and to send a team to contest in the first contest to be held at Manila early next year. Including the baseball team it is expected, says the "Manila Times," that 25 Japanese athletes will come to Manila for the first meet.

News of this engagement comes from E. S. Brown, special representative of the organization, who recently went to Japan. Mr. Brown is now at Shanghai discussing the question with the Chinese and foreign athletes and from there goes to Hongkong.

The proposition has been welcomed by the amateur sportsmen of Shanghai and it is certain that a large team will come from there.

Preliminary discussions at Hongkong indicate that the British colony will join the association. It seems certain that from 75 to 100 athletes will come here for the first contest, insuring its success because local representation will be large.

The local organization has appointed the following general committee to assume charge and direction of the contests:—
Governor-General W. Cresson Forbes, Hon. Sergio Osmeña, Maj. General J. Franklin Bell, Rear Admiral R. F. Nicholson, F. W. Carpenter, Martin Egan, J. C. Mohan, Maj. W. M. Wright, W. A. Toner, Edward Bowditch, Jr., Jose Velasco, Y. Mikami, J. R. Redfern, T. H. Pardo de Tavera, Fidel, A. Reyes, Felix M. Roxas, W. H. Anderson, H. L. Heath, William Tuthery, Frank L. Crone, and Elwood S. Brown.

Sub-committees have been appointed as follows:—
Publicity: Martin Egan, chairman.
Transportation: J. C. Mohan, chairman.
Reception and entertainment: Maj. W. M. Wright, chairman.
Games: W. A. Toner, chairman.
Prizes: Edward Bowditch, Jr., chairman.

TELEGRAMS.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

PEACE SIGNED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, October 15.

Peace between Italy and Turkey has been signed at Ouchy.

STIFLING DISCUSSION.

"GUILLOTINE" TO OPERATE.

London, October 15.

The House of Commons, by 203 votes to 100, adopted the Home Rule "guillotine" resolution, and by 197 to 92 adopted a motion to suspend the eleven o'clock rule on Fridays during the remainder of the session.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Peace has been signed between Italy and Turkey.

The Greek warships are manned ready for sea.

Further fighting is reported from Lhasa, where the Tibetans have already lost over 100 men.

Eight thousand Cretans are armed in readiness to enrol on the commencement of hostilities by Greece.

There are 10 probable starters for the Cesarewitch Stakes, to be run to-day. Balscadden is still the favourite.

Tuzi has surrendered to the Montenegrins, the Turks unconditionally surrendering. Much booty was seized.

The Note from the Confederacy to Turkey is regarded as a piece of colossal impudence by Turkish officials, and will probably be ignored.

France has proposed a European Conference on the Balkan crisis, and the suggestion is being earnestly considered by the British Foreign Office.

Prince Peter of Montenegro has telegraphed to his old school at Heidelberg announcing a splendid victory in which 10,000 Turks were captured with artillery.

The British Ambassador at Tokyo has been instructed to bring the matter of the publication of seditious Islamic literature to the notice of the Japanese Government.

The House of Commons has decided in favour of the application of the "guillotine" to the Home Rule Bill and also adopted a motion for the suspension of the 11 o'clock rule on Fridays.

In the House of Commons Mr. Acland has commented on the inability of the Peking Government to impose its will on the provinces and of China's signal failure to carry out the Opium Agreement.

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LOCAL.

Six men were fined to-day for being in unlawful possession of opium.

For placing bags of rice on the footpath this morning a man was fined \$5 at the Police Court this morning.

A boy has been removed to hospital suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by a rickshaw.

A number of small grass fires on the hillsides at Kowloon has been reported to the police. No property was damaged.

A boy who threw half a brick at a policeman who was about to arrest him was ordered to receive ten strokes of the birch.

We have been informed that the peace of the Wong Nei Chung district on Sundays, is being disturbed by alleged blasting operations.

For trespassing on Crown Land at Pokfulam and taking a quantity of osier, valued at \$3, a man was fined \$3 at the Police Court this morning.

For assaulting the Chinese quartermaster of the s.s. Sang Kiang yesterday on board the ship, a man was fined \$10 to-day or, in default, one month.

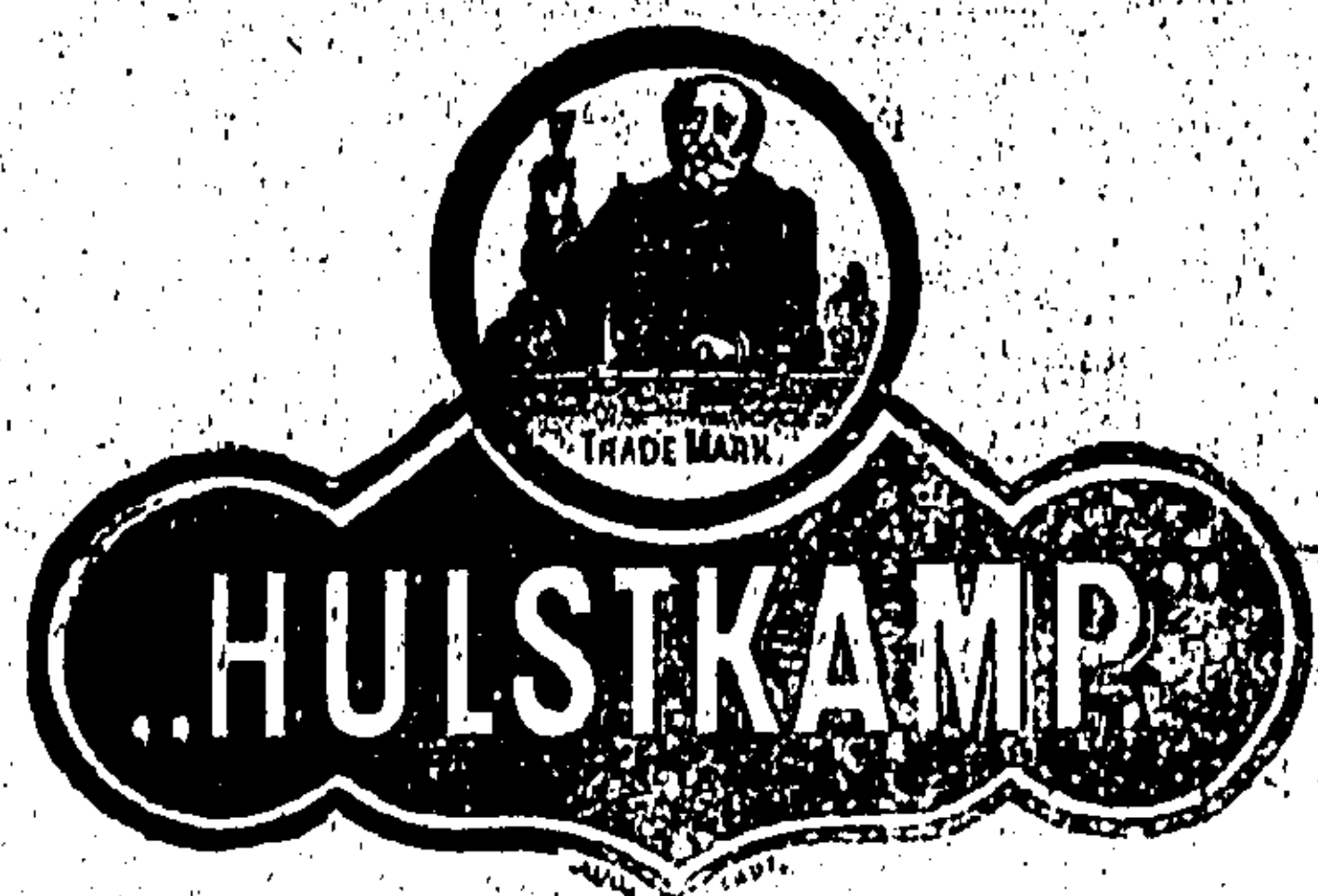
A meeting of the Lawn Bowls League and Singles Committee was held last night. The accounts showed the affairs of the organization to be in a healthy condition.

At the Police Court this morning Mr. Melbourne heard a charge of keeping an opium-divan against a Chinese named Yung Wing, of 18 Stone Nullah Lane. Mr. Reader Harris defended, and the case was dismissed.

The master of a licensed fishing junk reports that as he was sailing in Chinese waters, off Che Lung, about midnight on the 9th inst., a blank painted steamer ran down and "cut his junk in two." The wife of his uncle and a nephew, he says, were drowned.

A female junk owner and eleven men were brought before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court this morning, on a charge of being in unlawful possession of four piculs of black fungus valued at \$192. The woman was fined \$100, five members of the crew \$25 each, while six men, not being longed for by the junk, were charged.

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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

China Mail.

The Unionist Plan of Campaign.

Some people might be disposed
to think that a measure for the
redistribution of seats in the
House of Commons is even more
urgently required than the amend-
ment of the Insurance Act; and
that consequently it would be
better to have a clear understand-
ing on the adjustment of repre-
sentation before discussing the
best means of undoing the mis-
chief arising more or less directly
out of a vicious system. To others,
again, industrial problems may
appear more urgent than that of
national defence. But without
suggesting that a survey of
that situation will proceed
strictly in accordance with the
significance of each point to be
investigated, we have little doubt
that the propriety of starting with
a comprehensive study of all that
concerns the re-establishment of
a Second Chamber will be
generally recognised. It would
be going too far to say that a re-
form of the House of Lords at the
present moment is an absolute
necessity—the one necessary
thing on which Unionist thought
and energy should be concentrat-
ed. On the other hand, it is an
indispensable condition for pro-
gress and the recovery of lost
ground in all other directions.

Daily Press.

The Balkan Crisis.

That Bulgaria, Servia and
Greece have refrained for a whole
week from following the lead of
Montenegro shows that they are
animated by a sincere desire to
exhaust all peaceful means of
obtaining satisfaction of their de-
mands, but with news of the
Montenegro successes against the
Turks ringing throughout the
Balkan States, the danger of a
general conflagration must hourly
become more imminent. No sub-
stantial ground for belief that the
war will not spread is afforded in
the terms of the Porte's replies to
the Notes addressed to it by the
Powers; and the only glimmer
of hope that remains is that
the Powers may yet bring the
Porte to see that even if she
should successfully emerge from
a war with the Confederacy, the
protection of Christians under
Turkish control must be guaran-
teed if peace is to be permanently
established in this region. Failing
the success of the Powers to avert
the war, it is satisfactory to gather
that their policy will be to
localise hostilities. Active mili-
tary intervention by the Powers
would be fraught with conse-
quences too terrible to contem-
plate, especially in the case of Great
Britain because of her millions of
Moslem subjects. Throughout
the world it must be sincerely
hoped that diplomacy may yet
work the miracle in which the
venerable Emperor of Austria-
Hungary recently professed his
confidence.

South China Morning Post.

A Business Move.

The Chinese merchants of
Hongkong, we are informed, are
now busy planning to conduct an
extensive campaign of advertising
in the American newspapers of
the Pacific Coast, to stimulate a
greater demand for Chinese com-
modities, silk goods, soya beans,
brass work, perfumery, etc., and
by a peculiar coincidence the Los
Angeles Chinese are planning a
similar campaign in the Chinese
newspapers to develop the mar-
kets of China for Western
clothing, boots, shoes, etc., which
the Los Angeles Chinese soon
expect to export to China in large
quantities. The movement is de-
serving of all support and this, we
are sure, will not be withheld either
by the American merchants of
Los Angeles or by their business
friends on this side of the Pacific.
The example is one which we hope
to see copied by large Chinese
business communities in other
parts of the world, for the out-
come of the confidence and square-
dealing obtained by co-operation
of the kind cannot be other than
beneficial in the end to all parties
concerned. An extension of the
principle of mutual co-operation
between Chinese and foreign mer-
chants would be heartily wel-
comed and we trust the Los
Angeles scheme, to which we wish
all success, is but the forerunner
of many others of a similar kind.

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TELEGRAPH.

GENERAL NEWS.

Peking's Loss Through Exchange.

A Peking paper states that the £50,000 paid as first instalment of the £100,000,000 loan to the Chinese Government at Tientsin caused the Government a loss of over \$20,000 on account of the unfavourable rate of exchange.

Graft and a Libel Action.

New York, Sept. 17.—Alderman Curran, who, Mayor Gaynor intimated, was one member of the board of aldermen which has been grafting in giving out new stand licenses, used the Mayor for libel to-day, asking damages in the sum of \$100,000. Nolan, one of the men involved in the police graft cases, has been discharged.

Examination of Rats at London Docks.

Dr. Herbert Williams, the Medical Officer of the Port of London, states that during the year a systematic bacteriological examination has been made of rats from various docks. Of 1,250 rats, only one was found infected with plague. No cases of plague or suspected plague had been reported during the year on any vessels arriving in the port. The extermination of rats in the port began in February, 1901, and since then 695,289 have been destroyed.

Gambling in the F.M.S.

The "Singapore Free Press" says that the general impression is that the Government's decision to abolish gambling in the F.M.S. is too drastic and sudden and that abolition of the Farm system would lead to great evils, murders and other crimes, as the police would be quite unable to control the Chinese as they do now under the present system. The Chinese townships seem to think it will lead to many abuses, principally to extortion by informers. Europeans are asking where the future revenue will come from and will it mean additional duties on tin and rubber or an income tax.

A Siamese Rice Crop Threatened.

The "Siam Observer" understands that the rice crop in the Klong Samrong district is threatened. There has been too much rain, and the paddy is now almost submerged owing to the fact that the big lock has not been opened. The lock-keepers do not seem to realise the danger which threatens. It might easily be removed by prompt action.

General Hamilton to Visit Shanghai.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, G.O.B., D.S.O., will pay a visit to Shanghai toward the end of October, and October 29 in the afternoon has been fixed as the date for a formal parade of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps for his inspection.

The Cholera in Japan.

Tokyo, Oct. 10.—The number of cases of cholera throughout Japan has now reached 1,100.

Miraculous Escape.

During a fierce gale at Sydney, early in September, says an Australian paper, a big tree was brought down. The tree in its fall crashed through a small shelter shed, beneath which a man and his wife were having tea. The woman was violently tossed to one side with a mass of wreckage, but got off with a severe shaking. On looking around for her husband she saw him pinned beneath the rest of the wreckage and part of the tree. It was feared that he had been killed. A couple of hundred men and boys, however, managed to haul the tree away, and it was ascertained that the man beneath had had a marvellous escape. The shattered branch of the tree had struck the ground in such a way as to form a sort of bridge, which kept tons of jagged timber clear of his body. His injuries consisted only of a few ugly scratches.

Hankow Hide Exporters.

According to a notification received by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce the exporters of hides, skins, and other animal products in Hankow have decided that the cost of the Consulate and other certificates must in future be borne by purchasers. From Oct. 1, 1912, therefore, such cost will be reckoned in the accounts.

Consular Appointments.

It is announced that Mr. R.G.E. Forster has been appointed British Consul at Nagasaki, Mr. J.T. Town Consul at Okemulpo, and Mr. A.R. Firth, Vice-consul at Kobe.

CHINA COAST GAZETTE.

Mr. J. Mathias, from leave, has gone chief office Anhui.

Mr. L.F. Pike, chief officer, Anhui, has gone acting master, Kashiung.

Mr. A.C. Love, second engineer, Fastlan, has gone second engineer, Tatum.

Mr. G.W. Ramsay, second engineer, Shenking, has gone second engineer Kwangso.

Mr. C. Sinclair, second engineer, Kwangso, has gone second engineer, Shenking.

Mr. R. Allan, from leave, has gone acting second engineer, Kiukiang.

Mr. J. Sinclair, second engineer, Tungting, is on leave.

Mr. R. Pedon, second engineer, Chingking, is on leave.

Mr. G.R. Banks has been appointed third engineer Chingking.

Mr. C. McDougall, third engineer, Kanchow, has gone acting second engineer, Kiukiang.

Mr. J.F. Dickie, third engineer, Kanchow, has gone third engineer, Kanchow.

Mr. S.H. Meggitt, from leave, has gone supernumerary second engineer, Kanchow.

Mr. J. Baxter, from leave, has gone second engineer, Hoihow.

Mr. P. McAdam, second officer, Kanchow, is on leave.

Mr. W. Elliot, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kanchow.

Mr. A.F. Lawlor, second engineer, Hoihow, has gone second engineer, Hain Peking.

Mr. E.B. Smith, acting chief officer, Suwo, has gone acting chief officer, Kwangso.

Mr. A. Young, third engineer, Waishing, has gone third engineer, Suwo.

Mr. S. Nelson, third engineer, Suwo, is on leave.

Mr. G.F. James, acting chief officer, Loongwo, has gone acting chief officer, Suwo.

Mr. P.N. Nunnstedt has been appointed supernumerary second officer, Suwo.

Mr. W.B. Paton, second officer, Kutwo, has gone second officer, Hangsang.

Mr. H.W. Parry, second officer, Hangsang, has resigned.

Mr. J.G. Taylor has been appointed second officer, Taisang.

Mr. J. Wilson, third engineer, Taisang, has gone third engineer, Waishing.

Mr. J. McN. Thomson, from leave, has gone acting chief officer, Kanchow.

Mr. S. Findeison, chief officer, Kanchow, is on leave.

Captain P. Baker, from leave, has gone master, Tuckwo.

Captain J. Jackson, acting master, Tuckwo, has gone chief officer, Loongwo.

Mr. W.B. Crawford has been appointed acting third engineer, Chipping.

Mr. R. Winterson, third engineer, Chipping, is on leave.

Mr. T. Johnston, chief engineer, Chipping, has gone chief engineer, Fausang.

Mr. J.P. Beal, chief engineer, Fausang, has resigned.

Mr. F.R. Cuming, second officer, Loongang, has gone acting chief officer, Kulsang, has gone acting master, Namsang.

Capt. P.M. Lake, of the Namsang, is on leave.

Mr. J.G. Yuill, second engineer, Suwang, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. T.G. Sinclair, chief engineer, Suwang, has gone chief engineer, Chipping.

Mr. F. Engelbrecht, third engineer, Suwang, has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. R.W. Lord, supernumerary, Suwang, has gone third engineer, Suwang.

Mr. A.J. Wilkie has been appointed fourth engineer, Suwang.

Mr. F.W. Jones has been appointed second officer, Fausang.

Mr. E.A. Priestley, second officer, Fausang, has resigned.

Mr. G. Thyne has been appointed second officer, Wingsang.

Mr. E. Campbell, second officer, Wingsang, has resigned.

Mr. W. McGhee has been appointed supernumerary second officer, Fausang.

Mr. C. Stancliffe, second officer, Fausang, has resigned.

Mr. O.W. Stewart, supernumerary Loongang, has gone acting second officer, same ship.

Shipping and Engineering.

ARMY DRESS REGULATIONS.

"The Under Paid British Officer."

Of all the armies in the world the British is undoubtedly the best and most expensively clothed, says the "Daily Telegraph" although the uniforms of some Continental troops may be first sight seem more gaudy. Yet no man spends more on his tailor than the underpaid British officer. It is strange therefore to remember that no army changes its uniform so frequently as the British. Other nations usually select a uniform and stick to it for a few generations, but we, on the contrary, change ours about once every decade. However, in the past there has usually been a good word to say for the changes inaugurated, either on the side of utility, of smartness, or of economy; but no virtue can be found in the new regulations regarding officers' dress; the altered pattern is unsoldierly, eminently impractical and totally uncoloured for.

Perhaps it will help to particularise the disadvantages of the present and the new patterns. In the service kit the collar buttoned close up to the neck and kept out the cold and rain. In hot weather the hooks could be undone and the collar left open. All that was necessary to get into one's uniform was to slip on the jacket. Undersneath one could wear a healthy wool shirt. The new pattern, however, necessitates a khaki shirt, a khaki collar and khaki tie, to say nothing of two elusive studs. A statistician would probably compute that the officers of the British Army of to-morrow will each spend at least 365 hours a year in making the necessary adjustments of studs, collars, shirts, and ties before they are properly clothed to appear upon parade.

Of course, another great disadvantage in the collar-and-tie business on a service kit is that it lets in the cold and the wet just where one is most sensitive. However, when all is said and done, the new pattern as applied to the service dress has some few minor advantages to commend it. Some of us might even welcome it (except in wet weather!), but when applied to the blue uniform, with its abominable combination of a starched white collar and shirt and a funeral tie, the new pattern reaches the zenith of imbecility. Is there one thing harder than another to keep in camp it is a starched shirt—a stiff white collar is a good second. Incidentally, it is fiendishly uncomfortable as every naval officer will admit, and it is far from smart in appearance. If on top of these changes we end by getting back to the shako, which has been threatening us for the past few years, our cup of discomfort will be full to overflowing.

DEATH CONCEALMENT AT SHANGHAI.

Agatha Maria da Souza appeared at the Portuguese Consular Court at Shanghai on October 9, charged with unlawfully concealing the death of her child and attempting to dispose of the body without a burial order or certificate. Det. Sub. Inspector Reeves appeared on behalf of the police and related the circumstances of the case. After being submitted to a lengthy examination the accused was cautioned and dismissed. The Court will make provision for the woman until she can be sent to her mother in Nagasaki, and will pay the expenses of the burial of the child. —"N. China Daily News."

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LOST, a Japanese dog, black and white. Please return to S. D. Setna, 8 Glenville Avenue, Kowloon. Hongkong, 8th Oct., 1912. [745]

TO LET.

4 ROOMED BUNGALOW at the Peak with tennis courts to let furnished for month of November, possibly longer, if desired. Mod. rent. Apply "Box," c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Hongkong, 11th Oct., 1912. [756]

A FOUR-ROOMED FURNISHED HOUSE to let near the Race Course from 1st November. Apply "Exodus," care of "Hongkong Telegraph," Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1912. [746]

TO LET.—1, 2, or 3 ROOMS, at No. 18, BONHAM ROAD; each room has a bath and dressing room attached; fine view of the harbour. Apply to "O.K.," care of Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1912. [759]

TO LET. Houses in Austin Avenue, Kowloon. Immediate possession. Apply A. Raymond, c/o S. J. David & Co. Hongkong, 1st Oct., 1912. [712]

OFFICES TO LET.—First Class, central accommodation, light and airy, on First, Second and Third Floor, in new building being erected for Messrs. WHITEWAY LIDLAW & CO., LTD. Entrance from Des Voeux Road. Electric Lift to all floors. Electric Light throughout.

The plan can be seen and all particulars obtained at the Offices of Messrs. PALMER & TURNER, Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor. Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1912. [708]

MODREENAGIL, 21 The Peak, for six months from 1st November. Apply Property Office, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 3rd Sept., 1912. [699]

TO LET LARGE substantially built, Godown situated on water front, East Point. For further particulars apply Property Office, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 18th Aug., 1912. [688]

TO LET on 2nd Floor No. 2, Pedder Street. One roomed Office. Apply Property Office, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1912. [681]

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PAYING THE PIPER.

An article in the "Manchester Guardian," on the after effects of the recent dock strike, makes reading that it is as mournful as it is instructive. In a few lines the writer sums up the position of the families of the ex-strikers, incidentally giving some appalling figures culled from the pawnbrokers' ledgers, from which latter it would appear that, before actual starvation was reached, every stick of furniture and every rag of clothing that these poor souls possessed had been mortgaged in order to obtain food. Generous people have come forward, have fed the hungry and have redeemed most of the pledges; but this, at best, is but a mere attempt to stem the tide with a sand-battle. The main question is how the thousands of out-of-work are to find fresh employment. The Union officials say that thousands of men have been reduced to the position of casual workers, and the hardest cases are those of the permanent men of the Port of London Authority who find their old safe employment turned into a precarious one. These men had the most to lose, but all down the scale the position of the dockers is worse to-day than it was before the strike. The fore-going quotation is not the mere loose statement of a journalist favourable to the employers; on the contrary it is a deliberate admission—a piecing together of facts gained from the trades union people, by a great Liberal newspaper which was at one time avowedly more or less in sympathy with the strikers.

One naturally asks, Where are the leaders and the agitators now? Where are the men who trafficked on the ignorance, credulity and easily roused passions of the labouring men? Mr. Ben Tillett could encourage these poor fellows to abandon their work; could glibly urge them to deeds of violence of which many of them were subsequently to repent in a police-cell; could foam at the mouth over the sins of the capitalists, and offer prayers in connection with Lord Devonport which were—if it were possible—even more ludicrous than they were candid and blasphemous; but can he—could he ever—improve the lot of the worker? From all we can learn from the Home papers, Mr. Tillett is strangely silent just now. Meanwhile (again we quote the "Manchester Guardian") "the men's leaders now hardly make any secret of their opinion that the strike was a mistake, that it was fought on badly chosen ground, and should have been averted at the start. Its failure has intensified every problem of East End life, and will do so for a long time."

What more self-damning confession could he make than this? And the same admission was made concerning the carpenters' strike of '91 and '92, as well as over numberless dock and railway strikes. The question now is, Will the working man take a lesson from this failure, and from the tale of grim incidents that have accompanied and followed it? Him we do not blame; it is only in accordance with human nature that a man should seek to get as high a return as possible for his work; and where tempting baits and high-sounding promises are in the air, the labouring man is a child, with all a child's petulance, impatience and vacillation. The men whom the Law should hold responsible are the sowers of discontent who never do a day's hard work and, by the favour of God and the gallantry of the British labourer, never mean to. Until the paid agitator is regarded as—and treated as—a danger to society, the strike-menace will continue to hang over our heads. Never mind the stump-orator; let him preach; but let the law attack the more powerful influences that secretly poison the mind of the worker and that, if not checked, may in course of time bring about England's downfall.

DAY BY DAY.

The eagle never lost so much time as when he submitted to learn of the crow.

French Cruiser Arrives.
The French cruiser Kleber arrived this morning from Keelung and saluted the port.

Land Sale.
The price fetched for the land offered for sale by Mr. G. P. Lam-mart, to-day in Jervois Street, was \$73,700.

Coal from Cardiff.
The s.s. Nyanza arrived from Cardiff, to-day, with coal and patent fuel, under Government Charter.

H.M.S. Talbot.
H.M.S. Talbot, which has just come out from Home with reliefs, was towed into the naval basin this afternoon for overhaul.

Mails Arrived.
The following mails arrived to-day:—a.s. Hongkong, from Hainan and Hoihow; a.s. Naimur, from Shanghai, with the Siberian Mail.

"Waterwitch" Enquiry.
The enquiry into the sinking of H.M.S. "Waterwitch" was to be reopened on the 14th, as regards the Chief Officer and the Chief Engineer.

Kailan Mining Administration.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 28th Sept. amounted to 26807 tons and the Sales during the period, to 22040 tons.

Hongkong's Health.
Hongkong showed a clean bill of health last week. Only one case of diphtheria and one case of enteric fever were reported. There was one death from the latter disease.

Hair Factory.
A man was fined \$25 at the Police Court, this morning, for carrying on a hair factory without permission, and the premises were ordered to be closed within twenty-four hours.

Rice on Footpath.
A fine of \$5 was imposed on a man by Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court, this morning, said to have placed 100 bags of rice on the footpath. Defendant said there were only ten.

Opium Possession.
Six men were arraigned before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court, this morning, for being in unlawful possession of divers small quantities of opium. Fines ranging from \$1-50 to \$4 were imposed.

Assaulted the Quartermaster.
A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. E. A. Irving, with assaulting the Chinese quartermaster of the s.s. Lung King yesterday afternoon, on board the ship. He was fined \$10 on a default one month.

A Bad Practice.
Owing to the inconvenience caused by women in Shaikwan obstructing the tramway by placing their sugar baskets on the track, the police have had to take steps to the practice. A woman was fined \$2, at the Police Court this morning.

The Canton Affair.
We have been informed that the official upon whose life an attempt was made on the 13th inst. is not the Chief Commissioner, but an Inspector named Yan Ting. It is stated that the latter was attacked by a man at Ki Kiu Ming Sang and stabbed twice in the head. He was taken to the police station and his wounds were attended to by the Red Cross Society. It was found the wounds were not very serious.

Zoroastrian Club.
On Monday the 14th instant a gathering of members and their friends was held in the Club room to bid farewell to one of their members, Mr. M. N. Mehta, a Parsi merchant of Canton and Calcutta. The Chairman, Mr. F. P. Shroff, in asking those present to drink the health of the guest spoke of his generous support to the Club at its organisation in the year 1909 and of his invaluable courtesy which has won him the respect of all who come in contact with him. The health was drunk with great enthusiasm and a suitable response was made by the guest in his usual genial manner. An enjoyable evening was spent and the gathering dispersed after wishing the guest "Bon voyage" and the best of health.

SOLICITOR AND SERGEANT.

Opium Divan Charge Falls Through.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese named Yung Wing, of 16, Stone Nullah Lane, was charged with keeping an opium divan. Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

Ten other men were charged with using the premises as a divan.

The defendant, it was stated, used to keep an opium divan but the Government compensated him, and he now sold opium for which he held a licence.

Sergeant Gerrard deposed that having a licence did not allow the defendant to use the premises for the purpose of having men there to smoke.

Mr. Harris:—The defendant can have the whole Colony there if he likes.

Sergeant Gerrard:—But he must not sell to them.

What Cause?
Mr. Harris:—Supposing the man sells opium what justification have you got for arresting the defendant in this case?

Sergeant Gerrard:—Every justification.

Mr. Harris:—What cause? Sergeant Gerrard:—Because they bought opium and smoked it there.

Mr. Harris:—A friend said, "Is there a place where I can sit down and smoke?" Defendant said "Yes, come into the back." I suppose the first defendant produced a licence to you and it was in order?

Sergeant Gerrard:—Yes. I know he had a licence.

Mr. Harris:—Before you sent the informer there?

Sergeant Gerrard:—Yes.

Mr. Harris:—Did you tell the informer of that licence?

Sergeant Gerrard:—He knew that.

Mr. Harris:—The informer did?

Sergeant Gerrard:—Yes.

Mr. Harris:—Has the informer had his usual honorarium?

Sergeant Gerrard:—No, not yet.

That is given by the C. S. P. later on. It has nothing to do with me.

Statement Objected to.

Mr. Harris:—The usual honorarium to stimulate his memory?

Sergeant Gerrard:—I object to that statement of Mr. Harris in regard to bribery.

Mr. Harris:—I did not suggest bribery; I said honorarium.

Sergeant Gerrard:—You said to refresh his memory.

Mr. Harris:—I said to stimulate his memory.

Sergeant Gerrard:—I object to those statements in open court.

Mr. Harris:—I submit there is no case at all against the first defendant or, indeed, against any of the defendants. It is absurd to propose that this place is kept as an opium divan. Only three pipes were found in the place, and one was submitted to the prosecution by the first defendant. It is admitted that he is licensed to serve opium and dress opium. An opium divan is only a place where a fee is charged, or the equivalent is charged, for allowing people to smoke. No fee was charged for the use of a pipe or a lamp. It is stated definitely that the men went there and paid for the opium in the usual way.

A Matter of Courtesy.

It is said the informer paid twenty cents but only ten cents were found by the Sergeant; but that does not matter. For customers to ask the defendant if there was anywhere to go and smoke was quite likely and it is a matter of ordinary courtesy for the defendant, in order to extend his business, not to turn the customer out of the shop but to invite him to the back.

There were other people there smoking their pipes. He has permission from the farmer to sell opium. He may have, in connection with his business, friends in his house, and he is at liberty to lead them pipes. If it is a fact it must affect the opium farmer. I have no doubt he allows his friends to smoke opium and lends them pipes when they are there seeing him on business. If they were there that would not mean he was selling it to them, yet the men would have gone there to talk business. Surely in a case like this the opium farmer would not be charged with selling opium for ten cents which

men were found smoking there. I submit you cannot convict on the evidence before you.

Sergeant Gerrard:—It is the same as buying whiskey in a compadore's shop. You might as well say I could go and buy a bottle of whiskey and drink it in the shop.

Mr. Harris:—There is nothing to prevent you going to the back and having one with the compadore after you have bought the whiskey.

Sergeant Gerrard:—No, you cannot do that.

Mr. Melbourne:—Defendants discharged.

DARING ROBBERY.

Burglar's Haul from Hotel Quest.

Miss Butters, of San Francisco, California, who arrived on the s.s. Mongolia yesterday, has been the victim of a daring robbery.

On her arrival, with several friends, she was given room 305 in the Hongkong Hotel. This room has an especially large balcony that looks out on the Clock Tower corner.

Miss Butters on awaking this morning found that her room had been entered and that her vanity box valued at \$40 was gone.

"I sleep very soundly," said Miss Butters, "so that the thief had plenty of opportunities to rifle at his leisure. I am only surprised that his daring did not go a little farther, and that he did not put his hand under my pillow, where I keep my purse."

Continuing Miss Butters said: "Mrs. Kline, a friend whose room number is 303, was awakened at 4.30 this morning by a curious slipping sound. She was very uneasy, and felt something was wrong.

"Mr. and Mrs. Butters, in room 309, were also awakened by sounds of some one brushing across the railings. Mr. Butters ran out on the balcony, but saw no one.

"The lady occupant of room 353, was awakened by the noise of some one falling over some trunks she had on the verandah and she caught sight of a Chinaman disappearing over the edge of the balcony.

"The curious part of it," Miss Butters added, "that the thief apparently thought my camera was my jewel case! He took it out on the verandah, and tried to open it. He managed somehow to get the back off, and when he saw that it was only a camera he left it."

The total amount of loss, Miss Butters said, is difficult to estimate. Her vanity box she values at \$40 (gold).

BOY STONES POLICEMAN.

At the Police Court, this morning a boy was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, with selling vegetables without a licence and throwing half a brick at a policeman, in Des Vaux Road.

According to the evidence the defendant, threw the half brick at the policeman when he was about to arrest him.

The boy was ordered to receive ten strokes of the birch.

WOMAN DISCHARGED.

A woman was charged before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing a gold watch and chain valued at \$275, from a man at West Point.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted, and Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, defended. The woman was discharged.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The telegrams quoted below were received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate General Hongkong, at 12.40 p.m. to-day:—

Cyclone or Typhoon over the Western Visayas moving W. or W.N.W.

Cyclone or Typhoon Pacific Ocean, about halfway between the Marianas Islands and the Philippines moving N.W. or N.N.W.

THE OUTLOOK.

Interesting Views on Chinese Affairs.

Mr. A. J. Beaumont, who has been in the East and in Chinese Government employ for many years, says, with regard to China: "The Chinese Republic will not be a success. I make this bold statement because in the first place the Republic idea is foreign to all Chinese traditions, and in the second place, China has always been an absolute monarchy, and in the minds of the bulk of the people the monarchical principle is strongly fixed.

"The teachings of Confucius tend towards a distinct monarchy, and the people at large are impressed towards that end.

"The present republican spirit"—Mr. Beaumont continued—"and the spirit that has so greatly been manifested in Southern China—is the outcome of the enthusiastic ideas of a few hundreds of students."

Intervention not Likely.
When asked about foreign intervention, and its possibilities, Mr. Beaumont said:

"I do not think that Foreign Intervention will take place because of international jealousies. These would not permit of any concerted action being taken, and I also may add that it is the Chinese opinion that it would most decidedly be a bad thing for any foreign power to intervene. The risk would be too great, as such intervention would certainly cause the whole of the present factions in Northern and Southern China to sink their differences and to present a strong front to any would-be invaders."

Speaking on extraterritorial matters Mr. Beaumont said:—"European powers should by all means insist on such rights as are accorded to them, for at least two decades."

"The financial question," Mr. Beaumont added,—"is a very crucial one at present. It is not likely that a domestic loan will ever be raised, and for these reasons:—

"The natural suspicion of the Chinese for his rulers. The average—indeed the general run of the Chinese—have no more confidence in the present party than they had in the Manchus. Interprovincial jealousies are the cause of this state of affairs, and all Chinese, that have the bottom of China at heart, realize this.

An Immediate Return Wanted.
"The every-day Chinaman wants an immediate return for his money, and this is one of the reasons why such undertakings as the Canton-Hankow Railway finds such difficulty in obtaining revenue from the shares that have already been paid up.

"The North and the South differ on almost every point, and it is evident that the Republican party feeling is losing ground—and losing it rapidly."

Mr. Beaumont adds: "It may indeed end in the Kwantung and Kwangsi Provinces forming an independent Republic of their own—thus cutting themselves off from the rest of the so-called Republic and refusing to take their share of Foreign Loans."

Again Mr. Beaumont says: "There are more impossible things than the formation of a monarchy by the Northern Provinces, with Yuan Shih-kai wielding the sceptre."

JUNK RUN DOWN.
The police have received a report from the master of a licensed fishing junk of 1468 piculs capacity, that as he was sailing in Chinese waters off Cheung, about midnight on the 9th inst., a black painted steamer, the name of which he could not see, collided with his junk "cutting it in two," and doing damage to the extent of \$3,000. He hailed the steamer which was proceeding from West to East, going towards Shanghai, but no notice was taken. The wife of his uncle and a nephew were drowned.

Child Missing.
A woman has reported to the police that a man named Wye took her nine-months old child under the pretence that he was going to buy him something; and that she has not seen Wye or the child since.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Doom of The Tramp.

It is interesting to read that a system has at last been found for dealing with the tramp at Home. This is the "way-ticket" system which has been tried with much success. The wayfarer is taken into the workhouse at night and released next morning instead of suffering a period of detention. When he leaves he is given a ticket which entitles him to a certain allowance of bread and cheese at stations along the route he intends to take. He is also put in touch with the local Labour Exchanges and everything possible is done for him if he is genuinely anxious for work. This is good for the man who is driven on tramp by accident and who honestly wants work, but it discovers, and will decimate, the ranks of the wretched—the human derelicts who have "shuffled and limped their way for years along the highways. The ragged army of mendicants, it appears, is being steadily reduced; and not before it was time.

"The Cook."

We do not know anything much concerning "The Cook," which is to be staged at the Theatre Royal on Friday. But the title conveys a meaning in Hongkong which it would not bear at Home. "The Cook" at Home, in musical comedy, suggests a buxom lady, full of fun and spirit, certainly an attendant policeman, and probably a soldier. There might even be a milkman in the background. In Hongkong the cook is a Chinese, and we are told that he is about to be portrayed on the stage without a queue for the first time in 4,000 years. That is very interesting; but "the play is the thing," after all, and what the gentleman is, as a character, will count for a deal more than whether he has short hair or not, Seditious Literature.

It is satisfactory to read from last night's wire that at least a question has been asked in Parliament relative to the rabid anti-British nonsense published in Japan, purporting to come from Islamic sources. It was suggested by Sir J. D. Rees that the Japanese Government be approached kindly but firmly, and requested to suppress these Publications. Unfortunately Mr. Asquith's reply was not so satisfactory. He admitted the wisdom of a hint to the Japanese on the subject, but added, in the same breath, that as the introduction into India of such literature was prohibited, it was unnecessary to ask for its suppression.

"THE COOK."

The Variety Entertainment on Friday and Saturday next at the Theatre Royal is as usual of the high order that has been maintained at the Palace Theatre. Austin during the season. Amongst the items to be produced is a song and dance by a local Composer. This is likely to be the hit of the year.

There will be alterations in the variety programme each evening. It is interesting to note that in "The Cook" the modern Chinaman will be represented on the stage. This will be the first time for 4,000 years that he has been portrayed without a queue. It is advisable for those who have booked seats to take up their tickets as soon as possible, otherwise they will be sold two days previous to the performance as per notice at the booking office.

MORE CARGO STOLEN.

A female junk owner and eleven men were brought before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court, this morning, by L. S. Wills charged with being in unlawful possession of four piculs of black fungus valued at \$102.

L. S. Wills stated that the fungus was found in the boat belonging to the woman, about 3.15 a.m. on the 15th inst., off West Point. The fungus could not at present be traced to any ship.

The woman was fined \$100 or in default six months; five members of the crew were fined \$25 or in default fourteen days; whilst six of the men not belonging to the crew were discharged.

SAILORS' SUPERSTITIONS.

Curious Beliefs Described by a Ship's Officer.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

"There is no subject connected with the deep sea," the first officer said, "that is of such interest to those who sail them, as the weird, uncanny ideas that sailors have regarding those things which are merely natural phenomena."

"In the modern days of fast steam liners, the trade of the sailor has come almost to be regarded as nothing more than that of a deckhand on a glorified ferry-boat. But there yet remain on the thousands of 'tramp' steamers, and on the hundreds of schooners, barques, barquentines, brigantines and full-rigged ships, sailors whose lives have always been spent at sea."

"To them the sea represents their world. So it is not strange that accustomed as they are to months of loneliness and almost solitude, they gradually build up their own ideas of happenings that would not for a moment worry the matter of fact business man, or tourist."

"Yet it must be admitted that it is somewhat unnerving to witness on a breathlessly hot, dead calm night in the tropics what the old time sailors call corpse candles! These are dull-burning balls of fire; they outline the rigging, and at the ends of the yards seem to burn a deep blue flame. This phenomena spells catastrophe to the ship that it visits, and mates know better than to attempt to drive sailors aloft under these conditions because the sailor's firm belief is that to have one of these lights shine directly into their faces, means death—and soon."

"There is nothing that disturbs a sailor's peace of mind so much as to sail on a Friday, and certain it is that many a fine wind-jammer has proudly sailed out of harbour on Friday—a thing of grace and beauty—only to be cast on a reef, her broken sticks torn off her, and all hands lost."

"These facts are on record. Another interesting superstition is that if the rats desert the ship before she leaves port the crew firmly believe that she is unsafe and desert accordingly!"

"Of course it is ridiculous to believe—as the men do—that the little brown animals have some undefined sixth sense, but it has been proven again and again that rats will 'desert' a leaky, unsafe ship before the moorings are cast off, and numberless crews have followed the rodents' lead."

"Shoot a sea-gull, or an albatross?" The first officer held up his hands in "holy horror."

"Good Lord, man, on a sailing ship you'd get yourself into serious trouble, and from that instant you are the ship's Jonah, and the sailor that gives you an accidental push overboard some dark night becomes a hero in the eyes of his mates."

"And even on the palatial liners,—shoot a sea-gull as a passenger, if you like—and note the surly, ugly looks that you will get—though the crew dare not touch you!"

"The reason for this feeling, is that sailors believe that God made the sea birds to comfort and cheer the lonely sailor far out on the boundless, heaving waters and that if they are killed He will show His anger by wrecking the ships."

"I must admit that years ago, when I was second mate on a full rigged ship, I heedlessly shot an albatross, and I also admit that I never went watch at night without my revolver afterwards!"

"And as a climax to my story, that ship, two weeks later, was as a fine lot of wreckage as you could wish to see!"

"For a woman to lose her wedding ring overboard, is another sign of disaster. I sailed as Mate under a skipper, who had his wife on board. Leaving over the rail one day, her wedding ring slipped off. The skipper saw it, jumped to her and clapped his hand over her mouth before she could cry out and the man at the wheel hear her. 'Great Heaven?' he said. 'Do you want to have a mutinous crew on our hands? Keep still!'"

"To speak of horses on sailing ships is a sure way of bringing head winds, and to whistle on deck—even a popular trick,—when the wind is fair, will certainly bring gales."

"I was shipmate years ago with a North of Scotland mate, and—off Cape Horn—one of the 'prentices was taken very ill, and was dying. How that poor lad cursed in his agony, and we could do nothing. His curses were so blood curdling that they frightened us all. The big-hearted Scotchman tried to read to him from his Bible, but the lad cursed on."

"Then came over the ship while the lad was getting towards the end, a big black bird, the like of which none of us had ever seen. It floated motionless above our spars, and McKenzie (the Mate) said: 'Yon bird is waitin' to take the lad's soul to Hell, fur his oaf' cousin'. Sure enough when the 'prentice died, with an oath as his last word, the great bird wheeled and disappeared."

"Now you can call it what you like, but these things are strange,—even if ecstasies might call them coincidences."

"The sailor's mind is a veritable gold mine of that which is interesting, unusual and unexpected, and the field of superstition will develop phases of mind whose value can scarcely be underestimated."

ORGAN RECITAL.

The first of Mr. Donnan Fullers series of monthly organ recitals was given yesterday in St. John's Cathedral, before a good attendance. The recitals in the past have proved popular and the number of persons present yesterday was a good augury for the success of this season's functions. Mr. Fuller was at the top of his form, and the programme that he had chosen was full of opportunities for really fine playing; the least commendation would be to say that he took advantage of them all. Karg-Elert's tone picture "Night" is especially worthy of praise, for the organist played with a delicacy that gave full scope for the beautiful gradations of light and shade with which the piece is replete. To many it was the best performance of the evening, though not a few are of the opinion that Bach's "Passacaglia" was better rendered. Mrs. Bowen we do not remember having heard before, but she has a sweet voice of full compass, and a manner of singing which does not fail to please. Her rendering of "Hear ye Israel" and "Praise thou the Lord" both by Mendelssohn was excellent.

The programme was as follows:—

- (1) Passacaglia Bach.
- (2) Air... "He Ye Israel" Mendelssohn
- (3) Canon... Mrs. Bowen Schumann
- (4) Tone Picture... Night Karg-Elert
- (5) Solo & Chorus... "Praise Thou the Lord" Mendelssohn Mrs. Bowen.
- (6) Excerpt... (The Dream of Gerontius)... E. Elgar

LOCAL SPORT.**LAWN BOWLS.**

A meeting of the Lawn Bowls League and Singles Championship committee was held last night, Mr. O. Bond presiding.

Mr. A. Ramsay, the hon. Secretary and treasurer, presented the accounts which showed the affairs of the organisation to be in a very satisfactory condition, a small balance being carried forward to next year.

The president announced that two handsome trophies would be available for next year, and suggested means by which the number of prizes for the singles championship tournament might be increased with a view to further popularising the game.

The approval of the meeting was expressed but it was eventually left to the discretion of the incoming committee.

Vote of thanks to the President and the hon. Secretary concluded the meeting.

ZOROASTRIAN FUND.

Question as to Deed of Trust.

In the matter of a deed of trust, dated July 30, 1874, relating to the Hongkong and China Zoroastrian Community's Religious and Charitable Fund, the action was continued this morning, in the nature of an originating summons, in which Merwanji Paljoni Talati, Dinshaw Kavasejee Setna, and Ardeshir Byranyavi Avasia were plaintiffs and Hormaejee Kaishasroo Erani defendants. The case was heard by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster with whom was Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, for the defence.

Mr. Alabaster having concluded his address for the plaintiffs at the last hearing, Mr. Jenkin occupied the whole of the morning addressing the court on behalf of his client. Yesterday Mr. Jenkin informed his lordship that he hoped to finish what he had got to say within an hour, but this morning he said that he would have to withdraw the promise he made yesterday for, after considering his lordship's judgment yesterday and his friend's remarks, he had come to the conclusion that he would have to take rather longer than that.

His Lordship:—I was afraid that you were rather sanguine.

Mr. Jenkin, proceeding, said that the proper method of construing the deed before taking the questions one by one was to take it in its entirety and see if they could gather from that as a whole what were the powers of the trustees and the rest of the community. Therefore he proposed to take his lordship through the deed—it would be a somewhat painful proceeding from beginning to end—and point out those things that they must do, those things that they may do, and those things that they are absolutely prohibited from doing. Mr. Jenkin went through the rules to emphasize his points and then proceeded to deal with the questions asked in the originating summons, pointing out that the matters were, after all, purely of a domestic nature.

Dealing with the question whether it was "blamable neglect or other reasonable cause" within the meaning of the question to take counsel's opinion Mr. Jenkin brought from Mr. Alabaster the remark that a vote of censure had been passed on the plaintiffs. He claimed that:—"Such a resolution removing us would be ultra vires and we ask your lordship to define rule 22 in such a case as this, as to whether there is reasonable cause or any blamable negligence within rule 22. I say no."

Mr. Jenkin:—With emphasis on the "No," my friend has admitted it that nothing will appease us except their resignation. If nothing is going to appease us will your lordship send us back to settle our differences? Won't your Lordship send us back? This has been going on day after day and I take the opportunity, after three days of miserable wandering through these rules, to ask your Lordship to send us back to do what we should under the rules—what the rules tell us we must.

And now that you have had a morning in which you have been able to go more fully into the details of things, your Lordship will probably see that your Lordship's views on the scanty observation of the deed that you had yesterday are a subject of further consideration and that even if you accept jurisdiction you can do so to no good purpose.

His Lordship:—I might come to some sort of conclusion. I am asked for some hypothetical ruling—If the community want to turn us out, can they do so?

Mr. Alabaster:—They have passed a vote of censure on us because we took legal advice as to the rules.

Mr. Jenkin:—If it is not an affidavit I beg your Lordship not to listen to Mr. Alabaster.

Mr. Alabaster:—It is an affidavit. It is clear that these acts have been disturbing the community and that is admitted in paragraph 6. It is clear that we have authority because of what they have done. If as is probable, the questions are answered in our

favour, as they are bound to be, they will put their own interpretation on the rules as to what they are going to do.

Mr. Jenkin:—I am a new arrival in the colony, and I have not been accustomed to hearing my confreres state that they have no doubt that a certain decision is going to be given by the judge. I suggest it is hardly a dignified proceeding. I do not like to see it and I don't know upon what information he makes that statement.

His Lordship:—I do not know either.

Concluding his speech, Mr. Jenkin raised the question as to whether the practice that had been followed in the past with regard to the election of officers could not be adduced to help his Lordship construe the portion of the deed.

Mr. Alabaster urged that it could not, and his Lordship found in favour of the latter.

The case was adjourned.

STOWAWAYS.

Heavy Fines Inflicted on Two Men.

Four men should have appeared before Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Police Court, this afternoon on a charge of being stowaways on the s.s. Guthrie on the last trip, but two who were out on bail in \$1000 each did not appear.

Mr. Master, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted.

Chief Officer Elms said, that on July 29th at Sydney, he was standing near the gangway with a customs officer. The latter left him "to ruh after three Chinese who were leaving the ship. He asked them certain questions they could not answer and he charged them with being stowaways. They were subsequently handed over to the s.s. Changsha.

Second officer Munro gave evidence corroborating the first witness.

Mr. Master said the shipping company had been fined £300 for three men who got clear of the ship at Sydney, and were found by the Customs Officers.

The first defendant was fined \$500 or in default five months' imprisonment, and one month in addition; the second, \$300 or in default three months, and one month in addition, the imprisonment in each case, if any, to date from Oct. 1st.

The bail of the defaulting men was estreated.

DEMENTED WOMAN.

Died in Hospital Last Night.

The woman reported in the "Telegraph" yesterday, to have gone mad near the Clock Tower, died last night in the hospital about six o'clock.

The child which she was alleged to have thrown on the floor is still alive though suffering from injuries to the head.

The women died of acute mania.

BIG OPIUM CAPTURE.

We have been informed that 500 tins of opium have been found by Detective Sergeant Grant in the bilges of the Loong Sang. The opium was packed up in ten packages, the packages being made up in gunny bags representing one package.

Ship's Report.

The s.s. Hongmoh, from Singapore, reports:—"Light S. and S. W. winds and fine weather to Paracels, thence N. E. and easterly winds to arrival, with heavy and increasing swell from N. E. and strong S. S. W. current."

Stolen Oster. A charge of trespassing on Crown land, at Pokfulam, and taking therefrom, a quantity of ofosier, valued at \$3, was preferred against a man, at the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. E. A. Irving. He was fined \$3 on in default seven days.

Buff's Officers Leave. The leave of Major O. O. Cobe, 2nd Buffs has been extended to January 8. Capt. E. G. F. L. Gould 2nd Buffs having been posted to 3rd Res. Bn. his unexpired leave is cancelled. Capt. P. A. Maxwell, 3rd Brahmins having returned his unexpired leave is cancelled. 2nd Lieut. F. E. J. Ayton, R.G.A., has been granted an extension of leave to March 11.

A MATTER OF EXCHANGE.

It has been interesting, says the "National Review," to note the devilish glee with which the friends of Sextuplicity have commented on the fact that at present exchange rules remarkably high. It has been hinted in the public press, and the hint has been gloated over with stomach-lug-ging satisfaction by those opposed to fair play and freedom of contract for the Chinese Government, that the high exchange at present ruling was the reply of the Sextuple Syndicate to the successful negotiation of an independent loan, that the Sextuple Syndicate was making the Chinese Government "pay through the nose" for its silver accommodation. This idea having been openly expressed in the Chinese press and the hint having also therein been conveyed that by this means China was easily able to discern who were and who were not her friends, one of our leading financial experts wiggle-waggles through a couple of columns in our senior morning contemporary in order to show that silver is rising more or less of its own accord; at any rate that is the only conclusion which emerges even dimly from the two columns of menandering. We do not profess to solve these mysteries, but we may point out that one thing is quite clear, and that is that the present exchange is either natural or artificial, either forced or spontaneous, so to speak. If it is a natural rate consequent on conditions over which the Sextuple Syndicate has no control, then the Chinese Government would have had to pay just the same price for its silver if it had borrowed from the Sextuple Syndicate; if it is not a natural rate, if it is a forced rate, then the profuse professions of friendship for China that have poured from the Sextuple press are the merest hypocritical drivel, and the Chinese Government and the expert financiers who have negotiated the International Financial Syndicate's loan know exactly how much Sextuple friendship is worth.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKSANG	Tuesday, 22nd Oct., Noon.
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SHANGHAI & KOBE	TOSA MARU, Capt. Sato, T. 19,000	THURSDAY, 17th October.
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SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	19th " M'night.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	21st " 4 P.M.
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Tjiluwong	JAVA	2nd half Oct.	JAPAN	2nd half Oct.
Tjipanas	SHANGHAI	2nd half Oct.	JAVA	1st half Nov.
Tjibodas	JAVA	1st half Nov.	SHANGHAI	1st half Nov.
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LOG BOOK.

Electrically-Driven Ships.

The United States collier Jupiter, an electrically driven vessel, was launched on August 24 at the Mare Island, Cal., Navy Yard. The vessel, which will make about 14 knots an hour, is 572 ft. long by 65 ft. beam, and has a carrying capacity of 12,500 tons of coal and 375,000 gallons of fuel oil. Power is supplied by a six-stage Curtis steam turbine, which is directly connected to a bipolar alternator, the speed of the unit at 14 knots being about 2,000 r.p.m., and the voltage about 2,000. This generating unit delivers its output to two motors, one mounted directly upon each propeller shaft. These motors have thirty-six poles, so that the ratio of speed reduction is 18 to 1, the propellers at 14 knots being designed to operate at 110 r.p.m. Coal can be loaded from the Jupiter into a man-of-war at the rate of 100 tons an hour, and duplex pumps will permit her to take in or pump out oil at the rate of 120,000 gallons an hour.

Trans-Pacific Wireless. With regard to the reports of long-distance wireless communication across the Pacific (between San Francisco and Honolulu) which the Federal Wireless Telegraph Company claim to have established by means of the Poulsen system, we are informed that Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company are erecting at these places stations of the same type as those which it is proposed to construct for the British Imperial scheme. The new Marconi station at Honolulu has been so designed as to enable wireless communication to be established at a little later date, with similar stations to be erected by the Marconi Company at Yokohama and in the Philippine Islands. We are also informed that the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America has begun proceedings for infringement of patent against the Federal Wireless Telegraph Company.—The "Globe."

The New White Star Liner. It is officially announced that the new 60,000-ton Atlantic liner building at Belfast for the White Star Line is to be named Britannio. In general features the new vessel will be similar to the Olympic, but both vessels are to bear evidence of the recent change in expert opinion as regards protection against the effects of collision. The Britannio—and the Olympic after she has undergone structural alterations—will be able to float with any six compartments flooded.

S.S. Neuralla. The new twin-screw steamer "Neuralla," 8,950 tons gross, with accommodation for 128 first and 98 second class passengers, is intended to take the Homeward sailing of 13th February next from Calcutta to Madras, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Plymouth and London. The s.s. Neuralla is the first of four new steamers of similar type at present building for the Calcutta-London service. The first class accommodation is amidships; the first class providing one, two and three berth cabins, while the second class provides cabins of three and four berths and are situated on the upper decks. These new steamers will touch at Marseilles on both outward and homeward voyages and return passage may be booked to London overland via Marseilles both ways.

Another U. S. Battleship. The Naval Board at Washington announces its intention of building the battleship Pennsylvania, which will have a displacement of over 30,000 tons.

An Indian Steamship Co. More than one effort has been made in Bombay, in the past year or so, to establish an Indian Steamship Company to run steamers to Europe. Another Company of this kind is now being floated under the title of the Indian Peninsular Co., the Board of Directors being wholly Indian and the proposed capital Rs. 50 lakhs. Negotiations for the purchase of three steamers in England are reported to have been completed. No details are yet ready for announcement. The plan is to provide ships with cooks and equipment making them suitable for the special requirements of Hindus. The scheme also proposes the establishment of Indian hotels in Europe.

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The S.S. "LAWADA," 3,250 tons, Captain C. H. Lane, will be
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to be followed on the 21st November by S.S. "OKARA," Captain Evans,
taking Cargo and Passengers at current rates.

WESTWARD.

The S.S. "OKARA," 3,250 tons, Capt. A. J. Evans, will leave Hong-
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LOG BOOK.

Portuguese Far Eastern
Service.

The Portuguese Minister for the Colonies is, says a Lisbon
report, going to request all the
shipping companies who carry on
service to Southern India and the
lands of the Southern Pacific
Ocean to submit proposals for
the establishment of a regular
steamship service between Lisbon,
Portuguese India, Macao, and
Timor. The service might, if
necessary, be organized by trans-
shipment. This service could be
combined with those contemplated
for the Portuguese Colonies of
Eastern and Western Africa.

Sale of N.D.L. Steamer.

The N.D.L. steamer "Natura,"
for many years running out of
Singapore to the ports of Sumatra
and Bangkok, has just been sold.
It is said, to the Singapore and
Sarawak Steamship Company, to
be employed on the run be-
tween ports on the coast of
Sarawak and Kuching, and to act
as a feeder to the company's
larger steamers "Kuching" and
"Rajah of Sarawak," running
between Singapore and Kuching.

The Navy and Trincomalee.

A few years ago we understand,
says the "Advocate of India,"
the P. and O. Company made
certain proposals, regarding the
annual Government troop con-
tract and offered to take over the
larger Royal Indian Marine ves-
sels on certain terms. Since then
nothing definite has transpired.
There is, however, now a very
strong rumour current in Bom-
bay that the Royal Navy at the
commencement of the next finan-
cial year and that those officers
and engineers who have not
already earned pensions will be
absorbed into the Royal Navy and
given the next lower rank. A
rumour is also current that the
P. and O. Company has made an-
other offer to take over the principal
Indian Marine boats on the troop-
ing contract for a certain num-
ber of years. There is also a
rumour that the harbour of
Trincomalee will be re-opened
and will be made the principal
naval base of the India Fleet,
which be considerably streng-
thened by the addition of a few
cruisers of the most powerful type.
The East India Fleet will thus
form a strong connecting link
between China, Australia, South
Africa and the Mediterranean,
and will be immediately avail-
able for any urgent purposes in
those waters.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Germany's Asiatic Squadron.

The Berlin correspondent of the
"Naval and Military Record"
says that the composition of the
German Asiatic cruiser squadron
is to undergo no change during
the autumn period. This force in-
cludes the armoured sister
cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneis-
enau, the protected cruisers Nurn-
burg, Leipzig, and Emden, four
gunboats, three shallow-draught
gunboats, and two destroyers.
The Commander-in-chief is Vice-
Admiral von Krosigk, who may be
said to be the Percy
Scott of the German Navy,
since every ship that has
been under his control in recent
years has distinguished itself by
good gunnery. The Asiatic cruiser
squadron to-day ranks highest
among the fleet units in gun
practice. The Scharnhorst and
Emden, in particular, continue in
practice after practice to keep
their original laurels against all
comers, and the other vessels of
the squadron have all made
names for themselves in the same
important branch of training. It
is something of an anomaly that
the Scharnhorst, admittedly the
most "dangerous" ship in the
entire Navy, i.e., the ship likely
to inflict most damage on an
enemy commensurate with her
armament, should be a poor
steamer; but such is the case, her
failure in this respect being due
to the bad accident she met with
on her steam trials.

H. M. S. Oak.

H. M. S. Oak, the third torpedo
boat destroyer of the Firedrake
type, built for the British Ad-
miralty by Messrs. Yarrow and
Company, of Glasgow, was suc-
cessfully launched on September
5. The Oak is 255 feet long, with
a beam of 25 feet 7 inches, the
propelling machinery consisting
of Parsons turbines driving twin
screws. Steam is supplied by three
of the latest type of Yarrow boilers
fitted with the firm's patent feed-
heating device and arranged for
burning oil fuel exclusively. The
contract speed of the vessel is 32
knots.

The Troopship "Soudan."

The troopship "Soudan" which
will shortly arrive with the
2nd Battalion South Wales Bor-
ders (24th Regt) from South
Africa, will make only the briefest
stay at Singapore, just sufficient
to pick up fresh provisions, before
proceeding on to Hongkong. Her
port of departure was Durban,
and after touching at Mauritius
she comes on straight not calling
at Colombo.

The British Soldier of To-day.

A home paper has a note that
all ranks in the Hongkong Gar-
rison will read with interest:

There is pleasant reading in
the account which the Canadian
Minister of Militia gives of the
British Army in its manoeuvres.
Colonel Hughes has attended
these exercises for many years,
and he speaks with enthusiasm of
the great increase in intelligence,
keenness, and individuality which
can be traced in the present
operations. We believe these en-
thusiasms are just and accurate.
The British soldier of to-day has
all the courage and persistence of
his forerunners, along with a far
higher grasp of his work upon
the mental side. If the great
masses of the nation had even a
slight experience of the education
which he undergoes in method,
self-respect, and self-control, we
might laugh all the pessimists out
of court.

Lucky Survivors Dinner.

Only six were able to attend
the annual dinner on Sept.
25th to the officers and
survivors of the Relief on Luck-
now. There was only one repre-
sentative of the original garrison,
Major-General Cook, but a note-
worthy survivor was the Chair-
man, Sir Digby Barker, who is
following the manoeuvres in East
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San Francisco via Keelung and Japan, &c.	Mongolia...	P. M. Co...	23 October
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Victoria, B.C., and Seattle	Sado Maru...	N. Y. K...	22 October
Vancouver	Empress of India...	O. P. R. Co...	20 October
do	Monteagle...	O. P. R. Co...	14 December
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Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Hongkong Maru...	T. K. K...	3 December
Australia.			
do	Yawata Maru...	N. Y. K...	25 October
do	Eastern...	G. L. & Co...	9 November
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Tate, ex-Superintendent of the
Portsmouth dockyard, said that
the withdrawal of the British
squadrons from the North Paci-
fic would be a great tactical error.
Canada's best contribution to Im-
perial defence would be the main-
tenance of a squadron at Esqui-
malt and Halifax. He thought
that the Australian naval scheme
was unworkable. The Australians
could not get men to man their
ships, and they must fall back
upon the mother country. Cana-
da and Australia were in exactly
the same boat in that respect.
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the Japan ports and Shanghai on
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The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru
arrived at Yokohama from San
Francisco and Honolulu on the 8th
inst., and is expected here on the
18th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tenjo Maru left
Honolulu, for Yokohama on the 3rd
inst., and is due to arrive at Hongkong
from Manila on the 28th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru
arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu
on the 7th inst., and leaves again for
Hongkong via usual port on the 19th
inst.

The G. N. s.s. Minnesota arrived at
Yokohama on the 4th inst., and left on
the 6th inst., for Hongkong via usual
ports of call and may be expected here
on or about Monday, the 21st inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Koren
with the American Mail left San Fran-
cisco for this port via Honolulu, the
Japan ports and Shanghai on Saturday,
the 12th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Mongolia
will be dispatched from this port for
San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama and
Honolulu on Wednesday, the 23rd
inst., at 1 p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Siberia
arrived at San Francisco on the 14th
inst.

FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. s.s. Yern, with the
outward French Mail, will leave for
Europe on the 22nd inst., at 1 p.m.

The M. M. s.s. Paul Lerat is
expected to arrive here on Sunday, the
20th inst., at daylight, instead of
Monday. She will most likely leave
for Shanghai and Japan same day at or
about 7 p.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of
India arrived at Shanghai on the 14th
inst., at noon, and left again at 11 a.m.,
same day for Hongkong, where she is
due to arrive on the 17th inst., at 11
a.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Montcalm
left Yokohama for Victoria, B.C., on
the 14th inst., at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. s.s. Eastern left
Sydney on the 26th ult., for this port,
via Queensland ports, Port Darwin,
Timor and Manila.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Nikko Maru
Australian Line, left Sydney for this
port on the 2nd inst., and is expected
here on the 21st inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Barber Line s.s. Wray Castle
sailed from New York on the 18th
July, for Hongkong via the Straits.

The s.s. Egmont Castle sailed from
New York on the 12th ult., for the
Far East.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s s.s.
Peking left Sase on the 29th ult., and
is expected to arrive here on or about
the 28th inst.

The s.s. Glenage left Singapore on
the 15th inst., at 1 p.m., and is con-
sidered to arrive here on the 19th inst.

The Bank Line s.s. Kama arrived
at Boston, U.S.A., on the 11th inst.

The Ssang Lue, s.s. Glenogle left
Rangoon on the 4th inst., for Hongkong
via Penang and Singapore, and is
expected to arrive here on the 17th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kryo Maru left
Callao for Iquique on the 7th inst.,
where she was due on the 14th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru
arrived at Honolulu from Manzanillo
on the 11th inst., and is due here on
the 19th November.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Choyang,
from Shanghai, arrived at Hongkong
on the 15th inst., and leaves for
Shanghai on the 20th inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Laiyang,
from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong on
the 24th inst., and leaves for Japan on
the 26th inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Pookang,
from Guaymas, (Mexico) is due at
Hongkong on the 21st inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Pookang,
from Singapore is due at Hongkong on
the 18th inst., and leaves for Shanghai and
Japan on the 22nd inst.

The Shire Line s.s. Deubighshire,
from London is due at Hongkong on
the 30th inst. She passed Canal on
the 1st inst.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Oskara,
from Kobe, is due at Hongkong on the
16th inst., and leaves for Straits and
Rangoon on the 21st inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kungang,
from Moji, is due at Hongkong on
the 18th inst., and leaves for Straits
and Calcutta on the 2nd inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Tung-hing,
from Wuhu, is due at Hongkong on
the 17th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Arration Apar, Br. s.s., 2,931, R.
P. Th. m. on, 15th Oct.—Kobe
Calcutta and Singapore 8th
Oct. Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Camillo, Br. s.s., 3,149, Al. H. John.
15th Sept.—Tientsin
Sept., Ballast.—A. P. Qth

Cholcing, Br. s.s., 1,021, J. Bruhn.
9th Oct.—Canton 8th Oct.,
Ballast.—B. & S.

Gregory Apar, Br. s.s., 2,961, J. E.
Diako, 15th Oct.—Kobe
5th Oct. Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Guthrie, Br. s.s., 2,393, R. O. Gam-
brill, 15th Oct.—Sydney,
N.S.W. via ports 18th Sept.,
Gen.—Order.

COMMERCIAL.

Hollo Sugar Statistics.

Sept. 20, 1912.	
1910-11 Crop.	
Expos. since Oct. 31, 1911	
Superior	Wet
Great Britain	
United States	2,028,000
Japan	
China	150,071
India	4,100
Total	2,184,071
1911-12 Crop.	
Superior	Wet
Great Britain	
United States	1,003,073
Japan	46,400
China	242,306
Coastwise	5,802
Total	1,388,571

Manila Oil Quotations.

October 8, 1912.	
Case Oil.	
Standard Oil Company	
Comet Brand	P. 3.15
Cook	3.00
White Rose	3.55
Naphtha	5.25
Jehn, Meyer and Co., Ltd.	
Dragon Brand	P. 2.00
Rival Brand	2.95
Gasoline "Shell"	5.25
Wise and Co., Ltd.	
Texas Co.'s "Estrella"	P. 3.15
"Carabao"	3.00

Per case on board.

Manila Market Report.

Oct. 11, 1912.	
Hemp—	
Good Current	P27.4 firm
50 p.c. plus current	25. firm
25 p.c. plus current	21. firm
U. S. current	18. firm
U. K.	13.4 firm
Super 2nds	11.4 firm
Good 2nds	10.4 firm
Good 3ds	9.4 firm
Magway No.	9.4 firm
Sugar—	
Hollo No. 1	P6.25 weak
" 2	5.65 weak
" 3	4.75 weak
" 4	4.15 weak
" 5	5.25 weak
Manila	3. nominal
Copra—	
Sun dried	P11.5 dull
Leguna	11. dull
F. M. Manila	11.4 dull

Rice—

Saigon 2. Banos 125 lbs.	P7.85
Rangoon	7.50
Pangasinan Milled 135 lbs.	7.50
2nd white	P8.20, quiet
Gum Almaciga	
Mixed	P7.20 nom.
Coals—	
Australia ex-ship per ton	11.011 to arrive.
Freight—	
To U. S. Hemp str. from Manila	70/-
to New York	70/-
to Boston	75/-
From Oebu to New York 72/0	
Sugar U. K. 37/0 per ton.	
To U. S. Sugar 42/0	
To Manila copra 53.9 nom.	

Singapore Produce.

Tin	buyers \$114.90
Gambier	buyers 8.90
Gambier Cube No. 1	14.50
Gambier Cube No. 2	nom.
Pepper Black ordin. S'pore	20.50
Pepper (White fair)	34.25
Nutmegs (110 to the lb.)	nom.
Nutmegs (80 to the lb.)	nom.
Mace (Banda)	115
Cloves (Amboina)	nom.
Bali Coffee (4p.c. Black)	83.50
Tapioea, small pearl (fair quality)	8.50
Tapioea, small flake (fair quality)	8.80
Tapioea, medium pearl (fair quality)	8.30
Pearl Nago, small	6.40
Copra Bali	11.40
Copra Pontianak	10.70
Opium, Benares certified	\$3,200
do do uncertified	\$1,100
Rice, Rangoon White	\$185
Rice, Siam No. 1	320
do No. 2	275
Cocoanuts, per thousand	40.00
Copra best per pkl.	11.50
Sarawak Sago Flour	3.95
Brand Sago Flour No. 1	nom.
do No. 2	nom.
Plant Rubber, Fair Average Sheet	2.30

Comparative Figures of Trade of Principal Countries.

The following summary table has been prepared by the Board of Trade showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to June 1912, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period—viz: the six months ended June. The corresponding figures for 1911 are added for comparison.

Imports.

Six months ended June (000's omitted).	
1911	1912
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Switzerland...	34,937 37,194
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CHINESE SAILORS.

"All Come from Hongkong."

Apparently there is still a considerable amount of feeling engendered by the competition of the Chinese with British seamen. Thus Mr. Thos. Chambers, general manager of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union, has been explaining to a pressman that so far as it was devised to give British seamen preference over foreigners on British ships the Government's Merchant Shipping Act of 1906 is a hopeless failure. This observation was made apropos of the Cardiff Stipendiary's strictures on the Board of Trade's language test in respect to foreign sailors. "Every day," said Mr. Chambers, "large batches of Chinese seamen are engaged at the London docks and at the other large ports throughout the United Kingdom, to the exclusion of British seamen. The Act of 1906 provided a language test in practice has proved worthless." He went on to point out that, as British subjects and inhabitants of any British protectorate are excluded from the clause which relates to the language test, Chinese from Hongkong can be passed without undergoing any such test. As a result every seaman of the Colonial Empire who applies for work on a British ship says he was born in Hongkong! "Slipshod administration of the shipboard Act has failed the British mercantile marine with thousands of Chinese who know nothing of the English language, to the detriment of the English-speaking sailors and firemen. Moreover, the language tests by the Board of Trade officials under Section 12 of the Act are absolutely inadequate, and frauds are daily perpetrated in regard to them by Chinese sailors. Coached by their lodging house keepers, they learn to repeat parrot-like the answers to the usual list of questions, and thus pass into the mercantile service. Sometimes, but by no means frequently, the questions are put to the Chairman in different order, with the result that some amazing and amusing replies are given by the alleged English-speaking Chinamen. For example, to the question 'What is your age?' the answer comes instantly 'Hongkong.' 'Where were you born?' 'Thirty-three,' or whatever the 'heavenly Chinese' age may be. Chinamen, too, are all so much alike, in addition to the Board of Trade methods being so slack, that one batch may pass their requirements and quite another batch go to join the ship.

VALUE OF RUBBER PER ACRE.

Points to be Considered in Valuing Shares

Mr. F. J. de Laune has written the attached letter to the "Financial" on the question of valuing rubber per acre:

I am always being told by my friends that such and such rubber companies do, or do not, work out well per acre. Now it appears to me that there is no greater fallacy than to sit down with pencil and paper and attempt to find out the value of one's rubber shares by comparing the value per acre. Anyone who has ever had to do with agriculture knows how utterly one can fail in such a calculation. On a farm in Kent I have a small piece of land which regularly produces 220 to 230 per acre per year, and has produced as much as 270. On the same farm I have other land which will barely produce 10s per acre. How hopeless, therefore, must it be for the ordinary person to gauge the value of land on the other side of the world when he knows nothing about the soil, and probably very little, if anything, about the management, transport facilities, climatic conditions, production of labour, healthiness of the district, and many other troubles or advantages which may obtain in any particular locality.

United Sedang Land. It is unreasonable to compare land on such estates as the Chersonese, which is, among the richest of any estates in the world, with the land of the United Kingdom, the same value per acre with some of the rubber land

in Malacca, and in many other places one could mention. There are also points with which one must be fully cognisant before one can compare the value of rubber estates—such as management. Good land is useless if badly managed; but, on the other hand, bad land is very little good, however well it is cultivated. Most rubber is planted on good land, but between good land and very good land there is a big gulf fixed. I should much like to hear the opinions of some of the well-known rubber planters on this subject.

Two days later, a letter on the same subject appeared from Mr. John Shelley, late Resident Manager, Colonial Rubber Estates, Limited, who wrote: "I agree with Mr. E. Faunce de Laune's statement that it is impossible to compare the value of rubber lands on an acreage basis. It sounds like the problem, 'If one cow gives four gallons per diem, how much will ten cows give in a year?' The quality of the soil is of minor importance. Given a suitable soil, cheap labour and good management, rubber yields best in a geographical position where heat and moisture are combined in a proper degree to promote the best growth. The questions of pests and bad climate are matters an experienced manager should be able to cope with. Of more importance to the shareholder than the yield per acre, on his investment, for it is obvious that even lands giving a good yield of rubber might be dear at the price demanded or at the cost of production, which proves that in this, as in all other enterprises, many factors go towards making a success, and that shareholders can hardly safely say they are in a good thing till it has been proved by results."

SINGAPORE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

The Attorney General of Singapore, at a recent meeting of the Legislative Council, in moving the first reading of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance Amendment Bill said the purpose of the bill was to effect an amendment of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance of 1910 so as to exempt junks and other native craft from certain provisions of part two of the Ordinance. That part dealt with masters and seamen and it is required officers to possess certificates of competency for which, of course, they had to undergo examinations and it also related to other matters which it would be almost impossible to apply to native craft. The Colonial Secretary moved the suspension of standing orders so as to facilitate the passage of the bill. He pointed out that the Merchant Shipping Ordinance came into operation on December 1st and in order to avoid confusion it was desirable to pass the amending ordinance before the bill came into force. The bill was then passed through its second reading, taken in Committee and reported without amendment, and passed for third reading.

A CAPITAL CONCERT.

There was a fairly good attendance at the second concert of the present season in the Seamen's Institute, and it would have been larger had the quality of the programme been known beforehand. All of the items were good and some were excellent. The "wrestling match" alone, for instance, was well alone, for instance, was well worth seeing, and the "weight lifting" exhibition which preceded it was quite excellent. Throughout, the humorous element was strongly in evidence, and was of excellent quality. One feature of the programme which deserves special mention was the dancing of Sir J. Harris and Tpt. Miller R.G.A. The latter provided as a player and pretty an exhibition as one could wish to see. The following were the contributors to the programme: Corp. A. R. Reynolds, Master H. Day, L. S. Morrow, Writer W. Cross, A. B. James, Tpt. Miller, R.G.A., B. M. L. J. Fowles, S. R. J. Harris, R. M. L. J. Brown, L. S. M. Neal, and Gr. F. Stuart, L. R. J. R. Scott, R.N., occupied the chair. A strong invitation to ladies is given to attend these concerts which promise to maintain a high standard.

POST OFFICE.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCELS.

The Public are informed that the Christmas and New Year Parcels Mail to the United Kingdom and Countries beyond, will be closed in this Office on Friday, the 9th of November at 5 a.m. This Parcels Mail by the long-sea route via Gibraltar is due to reach London on the 14th of December. Parcels may be forwarded by the same Mail via Brindisi with an extra fee of 60 cents. Parcels so supercolled are due to reach London on the 6th of December. The following Mail of the 23rd November is not due in London via Gibraltar, until the 28th of December; via Brindisi on the 20th of December. Parcels containing Gold or Silver must be insured for at least part of their value. All insured parcels must be sealed. The seals must be of the same coloured wax and must bear the impression of a private device. This device must be the same on each seal. Straight, Curved, Crossed or Dotted Lines are not admissible. Buttons, Coins or Trinkets are not to be used for sealing. The Clerks of the Post Office are forbidden to affix stamps on Letters or Parcels or to seal any article for the Public. Parcels that in the opinion of the Officer handling the same do not comply with the regulations, will not be accepted. It is requested that Parcels be posted early.

The Public are requested to have their correspondence addressed to their house numbers and not their house names, as such names are often confusing to Chinese Postmen.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Hai Phong, etc., 8 a.m. Hongkong, Shanghai, etc., 8 a.m.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Sept. 25 Oct. 12
Sept. 29 Oct. 14

MAILS DUE.

Canada and St. Paul, 17th inst.

American, Nippon Maru, 18th inst.

French, Paul Lerat, 20th inst.

American, Tenyo Maru, 20th inst.

The a.s. Empress of India with the Canadian and Siberian Mail from London of Saturday the 28th inst. left Shanghai on Monday the 14th inst. at 11 p.m. and may be expected here 9 a.m. to-morrow.

The a.s. Nippon Maru with the American Mail is expected to arrive here on Friday the 18th inst.

The a.s. Paul Lerat with the French Mail from Europe is expected to arrive here on Sunday the 20th inst. at daylight.

MAILS CLOSE.

Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 17th Oct., 11 a.m.

Swatow—Per Rajahmundry, 17th Oct., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 17th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Amoy—Per Hongkong, 17th Oct., 2 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chenan, 17th Oct., 3 p.m.

Teiingtau and Chefoo—Per Ichang, 17th Oct., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China and Japan via Moji—Per Nore, 17th Oct., 4 p.m.

Teiingtau and Chefoo—Per Ichang, 17th Oct., 5 p.m.

Pakoi and Haiphong—Per Hongkong, 18th Oct., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Italian, 18th Oct., 10 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per Guthrie, 18th Oct., 11 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per A. Apar, 19th Oct., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 18th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongsang, 19th Oct., 1 p.m.

Tientsin—Per Chipping, 19th Oct., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Linan, 19th Oct., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Choyang, 19th Oct., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 20th Oct., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan—Per Paul Lerat, 20th Oct., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Taiwan—Per Dai-maru, 20th Oct., 9 a.m.

Straits and Burmah—Per Okara, 21st Oct., 11 a.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Suo-hang, 22nd Oct., 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Fooksang, 22nd Oct., 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Palang, 22nd Oct., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Fook, Victoria and Seattle—Per Sado-maru, 22nd Oct., 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first steamer will be included in this consignment mail) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon) (Extra Telegrams 10.00 a.m. to 11 a.m.) (Sept. 22nd Oct., 11 a.m.)

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, Mooney, 18th Oct.—Tientsin 8th Oct., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Tydoos, Br. s.s., 1,800, F. Chirinos, 18th Oct.—Liverpool and Singapore 9th Oct., Gen.—N. & S.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 738, Corradus, 16th Oct.—Hoblow 14th Oct., Gen.—A. R. Marry.

Okara, Br. s.s., 3,438, A. J. Evans, 16th Oct.—Moji 9th Oct., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Daiji Maru, Jap. s.s., 884, Y. Somekawa, 16th Oct.—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 13th Oct., Gen.—O. S. K.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 2,555, Bainbridge, 16th Oct.—Singapore 9th Oct., Gen.—Ho Hong Line.

Chenan, Br. s.s., 1,350, L. Jones, 16th Oct.—Canton 15th Oct., Gen.—B. & S.

Prins Eitel Friedrich, Ger. s.s., 4,372, E. Malchow, 17th Oct.—Bremen 4th Sept., Gen.—M. & Co.

Nore, Br. s.s., 4,184, D. Asbury, 16th Oct.—London 7th Sept., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Namor, Br. s.s., 4,179, Collyer, 16th Oct.—Yokohama 1st Oct., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kleber, Fr. cruiser, 8,000, Gonts, 16th Oct.—Koolang and Formosa 14th Oct.

Nyasa, Br. s.s., 2,642, D. McAllister, 16th Oct.—Cardiff 8th Aug., Gen.—Government.

Tosa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,500, T. Satoh, 16th Oct.—Calcutta 20th Sept., Gen.—N. Y. K.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Sochu-maru, for Amoy.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Chiyu, for Shanghai.

Ichang, for Tientsin.

Namor, for London.

Chipping, for Canton.

DEPARTED.

Oct. 16.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Sochu-maru, for Amoy.

Tamon-maru, for Obiawata.

Chipping, for Canton.

Kwangle, for Canton.

Hagel, for Canton.

Choyang, for Canton.

Ningpo, for Canton.

Buolow, for Hamburg.

Johanne, for Haiphong.

Namor, for S. Africa.

Chiyu, for Shanghai.

Tjimanook, for Sourabaya.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per a.s. Chipping, arrived 16th Oct., from Tientsin:—

Gash Pearce, Dr.

Per a.s. Hongkong, arrived 16th Oct., from Hoblow:—

Pecker Carpenter

De-vai Kunemann

Per a.s. Mongolia, arrived 15th Oct. from San Francisco, etc.:—

Butters, Miss M. E. Huber, J. H.

Beach, Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins, O. M.

W. H. John, E. R.

Boyd, Rev. & Mrs. Jones, R. M.

Boyd, Master G. Lyall, W. H.

Boyd, Master S. Lyon, Dr. W. T.

Boyd, Master K. Lewis, Mrs. E. D.

Brunner, Miss H. McClure, A.

Burns, H. G. Mungrave, Mrs. F.

Burnett, P. H. B.

Burnham, S. B. Mungrave, Master

Battles, Mr. & Mrs. Marvell, Com. G.

Mrs. M. D. B.

Beardsley, Mrs. F. Minerva, Sr. V.

W. McMillan, A. D.

Bubb, G. Ray. McCann, A. D.

Baker, Dr. & Mrs. Mrs. J. A.

Geo. S. Noitigue, Miss

Burr, Miss A. H.

Boulroff, F. H.

Count, E. C. Noon, Miss M. de

Cole, Mrs. F. L. Ob King-chio

Clayton, Mrs. E. D. Plakham, Mrs. F.

Cline, Mrs. W. D. L.

Cline, Miss A. Paul, Wm. C.

Cline, Miss C. Pastonji, Mr. and

Conolly, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. W.

Mrs. D. A. Read, Miss L.

Dry, L. L. Helms, E. H.

Derham, Mr. and Mrs. G.

Mrs. Chas. Smith, P.

Davis, W. B. Scott, Mr. & Mrs.

Dunn, J. R. J. Water

Elphinstone, S. J.

Ferthman, Mrs. J. Spence, Mrs. E.

Fols, A. B.

Goodman, Miss E. Smith, Mr. & Mrs.

Gillies, J. S. F. O.

Hartall, Rev. and Virgil, Miss C. S.

Mrs. J. L. Wallace, J. R.

Per a.s. Nore, arrived 16th Oct. from London:—

Brook McGlenn, W. J.

Bishop, Mrs. Pichman, Mrs.

Bishop, Miss. Pichman, Miss

Lill, Miss H. Rives, A.

McIntosh, P. Wain, G.

McKenry, B. V.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 16th at 12.00.—The northern depression has deepened and passed Eastward. Hokkaido.

A strong anticyclone has formed rapidly over Chik. central to the N. of the Yangtze.

The typhoon passed near Cebu last evening. Probably it is still travelling Westward.

No returns from Cebu or Iloilo this morning.

Fresh monsoon is indicated along the E. coast of China, and over the northern portion of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to day, 00.0 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

DISTRICT. FORECAST. N.E. winds, fresh; moderate; fine; cloudy; a m. rain.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. The same as No. 1.

2 Formosa Observed. N.E. gale.

3 South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between Hongkong and No. 1. The same as No. 1.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. 16th October, a.m.

Station. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force. Weather.

Wanchow 720.85 45.62 W 1 0

Nemuro 720.59 — — 7 —

Hakodate 720.62 — — W 2 —

Tokio 720.85 — — 0 —

Kochi 720.91 — — SW 1 —

Nagasaki 720.05 — — N 2 —

K'shima 720.02 — — N 1 —

Oshima 720.01 — — NW 7 —

Naha 720.01 — — SE 1 —

Ishijima 720.01 — — N 2 —

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Chefoo 720.24 62.58 NW 2 0

Hankow 720.88 55.56 NW 3 0

Kiukiang 720.88 51.79 NW 1 0

Shanghai 720.88 — — 4 0

Guzelf 720.15 70 — — 4 0

Sharp P. 720.06 72.71 NW 6 0

Amoy 720.07 74.85 NW 3 0

Swatow 720.10 — — 6 —

Taihu 720.00 — — 2 —

Taiwan 720.00 — — 0 —

Koshu 720.00 — — 0 —

P'aores 720.00 — — 10 —

Canton 720.14 71.62 NW 3 0

H'kong 720.04 75.77 N 1 0

V. Peak 720.00 — — — —

Cap Rock 720.00 — — — —

Macao 720.00 72 — — 1 0

Wuchow 720.21 68.65 N 3 0

Hoihow — — — — —

Pakhoi — — — — —

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Tourane 720.08 75 — — 2 0

O. St. J. 720.01 76 — — 0 0

Aparri 720.00 — — 8 1

Manila 720.79 — — 0 b

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